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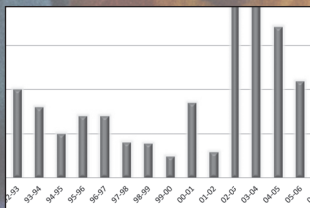
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K-State proposes 5 percent tuition hike; is 'very likely' to gain approval

Regents universities plan to mitigate overall student costs through scholarship raising efforts

By SHELTON BURCH
THE COLLEGIAN

This week, K-State will seek permission from the Kansas Board of Regents to raise tuition by 5 percent for the upcoming academic year, fiscal year 2015. According to the agenda for this week's board meeting, if approved, the proposed increase would raise tuition by \$196.50 per semester for resident undergraduates taking 15 hours, or \$519 per semester for non-resident undergraduates taking 15 hours.

Breeze Richardson, associate director of communications and government relations for the Kansas Board of Regents, said that the proposal is "very likely" to be adopted.

Pat Bosco, vice president of student life, said the student-led Tuition Strategies Committee was tasked to make recommendations to President Kirk Schulz regarding the tuition increase.

"They understand in the onset that there is going to be a tuition increase, but they get to recommend how much, where it goes and who pays," Bosco said. "They began their discussion about nine months ago centered around the university's highest needs and how much a typical K-State student (can) afford to pay in additional tuition."

Bosco said this committee helps make proposing tuition increases a balancing act.

"We have millions and millions of dollars of need, but it can't be funded on the backs

of a tuition increase for our students," Bosco said. "Everyone understands that."

What K-State is doing to help

To help offset the increase, Bosco said the plan to increase tuition also includes an increase in scholarship dollars and need-based assistance to help those in "high need."

"We can't help them all," Bosco said. "But, in the plan, it does give us an opportunity to respond to as many students as we possibly can."

Larry Moeder, director of admissions and student financial assistance, said there has also been an increase in scholarship funds raised from donors to specific programs campuswide. He also said that the K-State Foun-

dation is experiencing a record increase in donor gifts, though the Foundation does not release final numbers until July.

"I think we've been somewhat fortunate that there are additional scholarship dollars that have been raised by donors to help needy students that are doing well academically," Moeder said.

Moeder said students do not seem to realize that every student can obtain some form of financial aid. Whether in the form of federal student loans, scholarships, grants or from private sources such as family and friends, Moeder said every single student qualifies for something. However, once students are actually at K-State, Moeder said they often stop looking, particularly for scholarships.

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"The search for scholarships should be a continuing process for every single student," Moeder said.

How K-State compares

According to the tuition increase proposals on the regents' website, K-State is hardly unique among regents universities in how much university presidents are requesting to raise tuition. All six regents universities are proposing tuition

increases of between 2.7 percent (in the case of Fort Hays State University) and 5 percent (in the case of K-State).

Like K-State, other regents universities are also seeking to help students cope with the tuition increases.

Pittsburg State President Steve Scott said his university is requesting a 4.8 percent tuition increase for its undergraduate students. To offset this, Pittsburg State has also increased its

scholarship raising efforts.

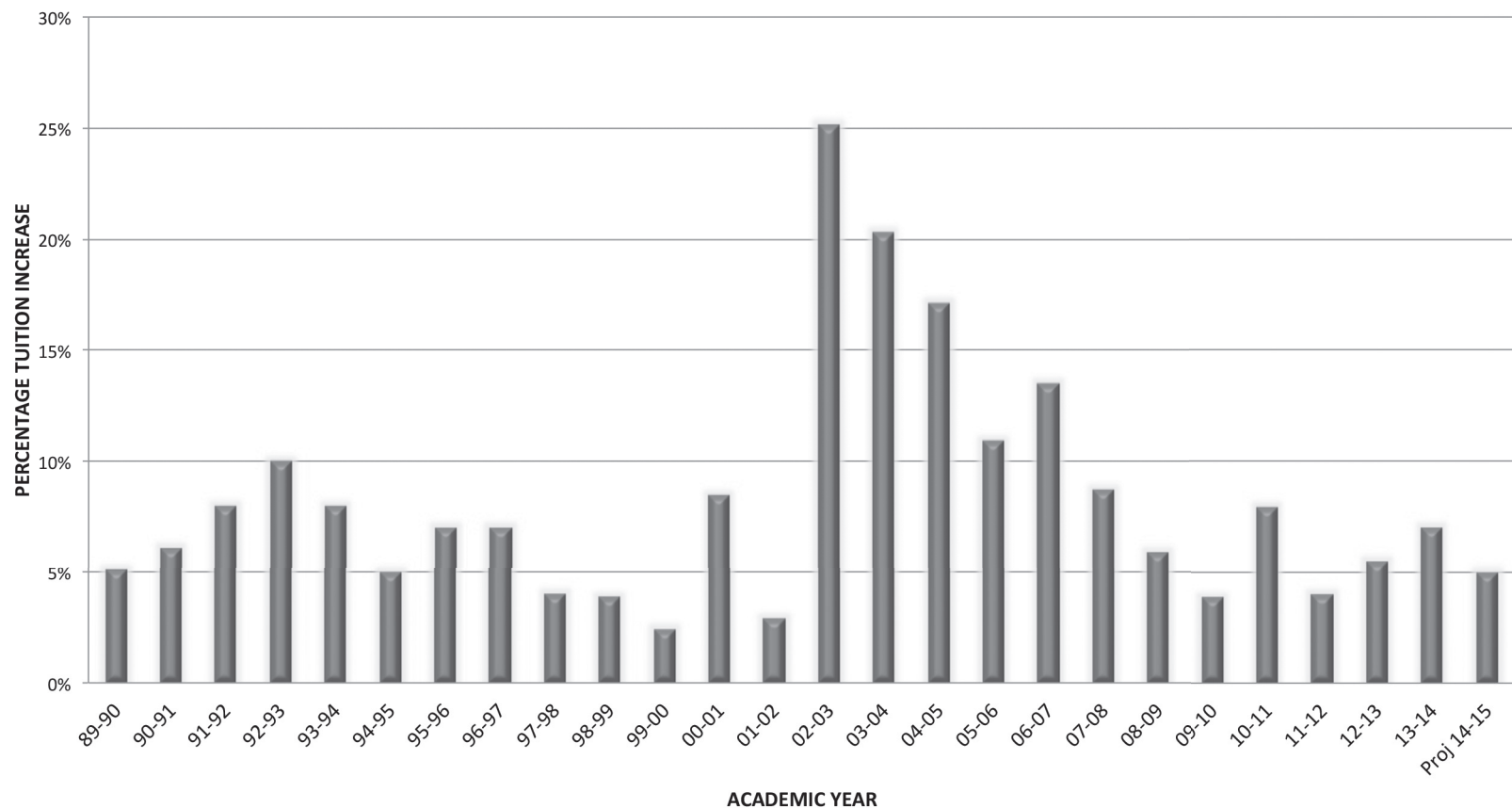
"We've been very aggressive in raising money for scholarships," Scott said. "We think one of the best ways we can mitigate tuition increases is by being very aggressive in adding new scholarships."

The University of Kansas is taking a similar approach to help students manage their proposed increases, said Jack Martin, director of strategic communications at KU.

"The scholarships and financial aid are a huge part of our funding campaign right now," Martin said.

Martin said the meeting at which these tuition increases will be proposed is scheduled for today and tomorrow, with the actual increases on the agenda for today.

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Unsustainable fiscal policy from Topeka puts disproportionate burden on struggling Kansans



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It appears Kansas is, once again, bleeding – only this time it's dollar signs. The state is in the red by enormous amounts as a result of the radical cuts imposed by our state's governor and legislature, and the tax burden is shifting away from our state's most well-off and onto those who are struggling most.

Numbers from the Kansas Legislative Research Department project that the combined impact of the 2012 and 2013 tax laws will result in revenue losses of more than \$3.7 billion over the next six years. Which, as a point of reference, is the entire budget for higher education in Kansas. While the state searches for the economic "boost of adrenaline" it was promised by the proponents of this tax policy shake-up, our elected officials have found other ways to prop up revenues.

"In order to prevent deep cuts to services provided by the state, the idea is to keep the sales tax high," Tracy Turner, associate professor of economics and expert in the area of public finance, said.

The 2013 Tax Law set the rate at 6.15 percent statewide. While sales taxes are widely-considered a necessary evil for financing the operations of local governments, the state-levied rate is very much up for debate. This is because sales tax is an entirely different form of taxation than the one being rolled back by the current tax legislation – one

that is making the tax code less equitable.

With sales tax, the same rate is charged to everyone, regardless of your income. As Turner pointed out, this means "low income households pay a larger share of their income to taxes than higher income households, and economists call that tax regressive." The regressive nature of the sales tax violates what economists refer to as "vertical equity," or how a tax affects different individuals from the bottom to the top of the income spectrum.

The day-to-day transactions of the middle and lower classes are essential to the health of the economy, and now they are faced with higher prices on their goods. To make matters worse, the 2013 Tax Law delivered an empty solution to the problem of increased prices on grocery bills.

Right now, Kansans pay the second highest sales tax on food in the country, and the current tax credit is more focused on saving the state money than helping those in dire need of tax relief. Before the 2012 tax law changed, the Kansas Food Sales Tax Credit was refundable, meaning the money paid in sales tax made it back to poor Kansans through an income tax refund. However, the credit was repealed entirely in 2012 and made nonrefundable in 2013.

"The truly poor households that are buying food in the state of Kansas will not get the break they got before," Turner said.

Thus, the new credit is doing nothing to put money into the pockets of our state's most vulnerable individuals and back into the economy.

Among the people disproportionately burdened by this tax shift are the working poor, single-income or low-income families, college students and

seniors on fixed incomes.

"The change in the tax code is punitive to low-income households," Turner said.

It also raises taxes on these individuals while, at the same time, cutting state services.

"I don't know that people realize just how grave the situation is with respect to revenues and the potential steepness of upcoming budget cuts as a result," Turner said. "Public investment cannot be starved while expecting the economy to grow; it takes a balance of both public and private investment."

What remains to be seen is whether the growth effects will pan out in time to close the major gaps in Kansas revenue. Unfortunately, there is more reason for skepticism than optimism.

"There are a lot of things that economists have found consensus on in the research we do (but) there's no consensus on whether or not big tax cuts stimulate long-run economic growth," Turner said.

What we're left with is a tax structure that has the state hemorrhaging revenue in order to protect further exemptions for our Kansans who are doing well (and don't necessarily stress over the price of their grocery bill every month), at the expense of the people who are living paycheck-to-paycheck just to put food on their table.

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Biofuels come under fire as study shows corn residue emits more CO₂ than gas

By OSCAR RAMOS
THE COLLEGIAN

A study, funded by the Department of Energy and published in the *Nature Climate Change* journal, shows ethanol production from corn crop residue releases more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than gas. The authors of the study (researchers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln) concluded that removing crop residue from the soil to make ethanol adds an additional 50-70 grams of carbon dioxide per megajoule to the lifecycle greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity, a measurement of CO₂ released per unit of energy produced, to the already 30 grams released in biorefinery. Regular gas production has a GHG intensity of 94 grams of CO₂/MJ, so this puts ethanol well beyond gas in terms of net CO₂ production.

The general media rushed to condemn cellulosic biofuels as a result of the study. Some newspapers indicted corn-based biofuels as “worse than gas” and “less green than gasoline.” However, are these indictments justified?

The extra CO₂ emissions come from a trade-off between carbon that is fixed in the soil by leaving the crop residue, versus what is released into the atmosphere by making ethanol and burning it. According to the authors, “removal of corn residue for biofuels can decrease soil organic carbon and increase CO₂ emissions because residue carbon in biofuels is oxidized at a faster rate than when added to the soil.”

So, the net balance between fixed and released carbon is what is important. This is not new to soil scientists and experts in the topic. Deann Presley, associate professor of agronomy, said she is not totally surprised by the findings.

“As a soil scientist, I know that (in order) to improve soils, we need to stop erosion and

keep adding organic material into soils that will eventually turn into organic matter,” Presley said. “So, obviously removing crop residues is the opposite to that.”

Brendan Jordan, vice president the Great Plains Institute, echoed similar ideas in a written critique for *Midwest Energy News* in April 2014.

“(The study) should be seen as reinforcing what many advocates for cellulosic biofuels have known all along: cellulosic biofuel production systems that systematically deplete soil organic carbon are unsustainable,” Jordan said.

Perhaps the authors had this message in mind all along. Humberto Blanco, UNL assistant professor of soil science and one of the authors of the study, said in an emailed response that the study can have some repercussions on the Obama administration’s renewable energy policy if crop residue is removed at excessively high rates and no mitigation practices (i.e., cover crops or forage crops, etc.) are used after removal.

Given that ethanol from corn crop residue is just a small piece of the portfolio of biofuels, this study may not have deep impact in the industry as a whole. However, it can bring awareness to the general public about the unintended consequences of corn crop residue biofuel production in Kansas: soil erosion and water reservoir depletion due to irrigation. Presley said in order to produce a renewable energy, it has to be renewable across the whole system, and soil and water used for irrigation of corn crops are not renewable.

In answer to the question of how the ethanol industry can move forward, Blanco pointed to perennial grasses as an alternative to the use of corn crop residue. Research from crop science shows that perennial warm season grasses can protect soil and the environment while providing material for ethanol production, and the

industry should explore further in this direction.

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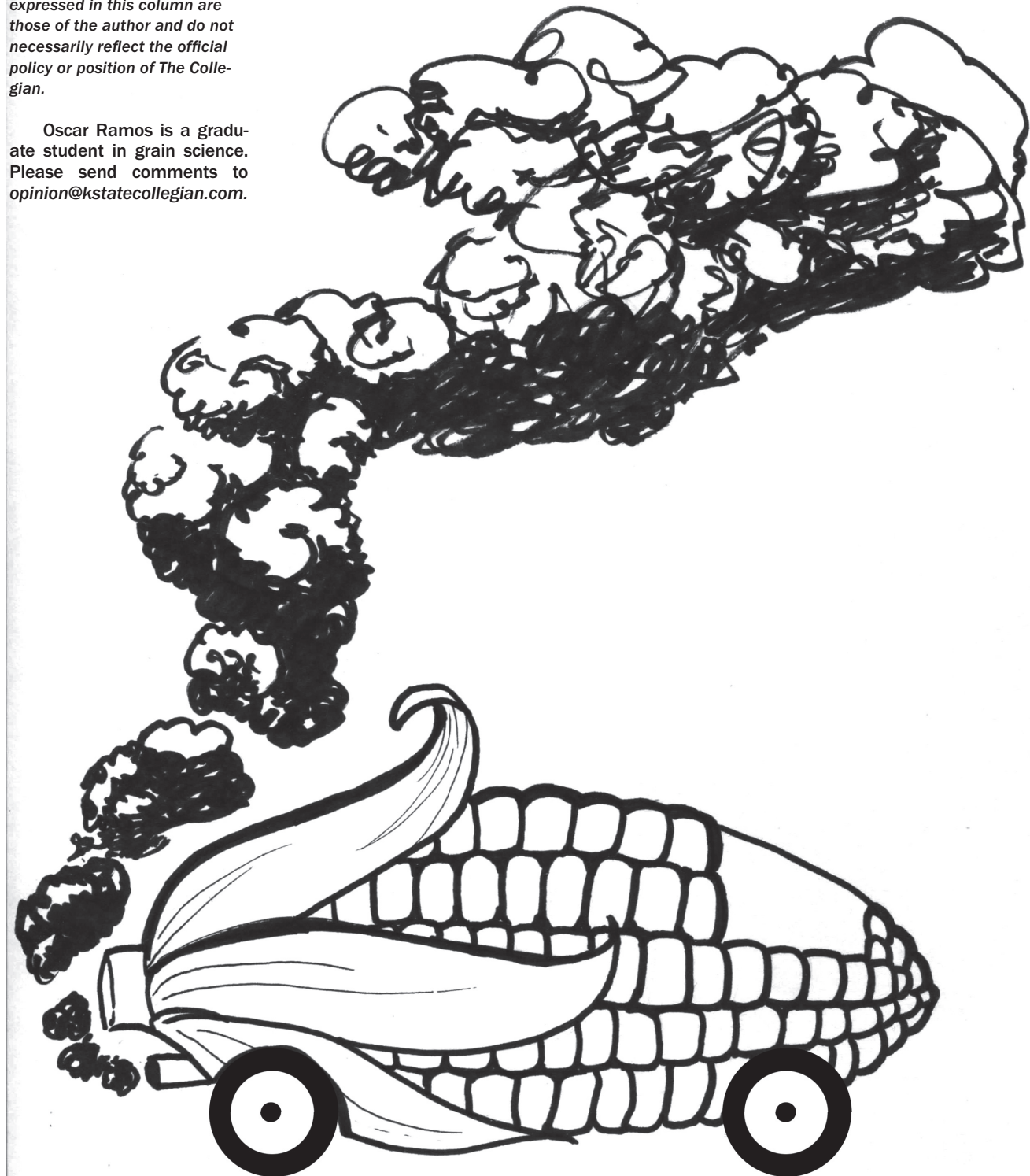


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American interest in MLS increases by 30 percent just in time for World Cup

By ADAM SUDERMAN
THE COLLEGIAN

WORLD CUP

As Pablo Coll recalled Spain's 2010 FIFA World Cup title, he couldn't help but crack a smile over his home country's first-ever victory in the tournament.

"I was back home and we won, the whole country of Spain was in the streets," Coll, graduate student in physics, said. "People didn't go to work the next day, it was just madness. For two or three days, it was all about soccer and celebrations and it was the first time in history for us to win so it was a really big deal for us."

For this year's tournament, ESPN Research estimates that numbers of U.S. viewers will surpass 18 million. The growth for soccer in the U.S. is exciting for international fans, but it still pales in comparison to what the game means to fans worldwide.

Coll, a native of the Canary Islands off the coast of Spain, started playing soccer when he was 4 years old.

"It's hard to explain because you don't have anything like that in the United States with any sport," Coll said. "In places like Spain and Brazil, it's like a religion. It's some-

thing above everything else. It's in the newspapers and, really, everything is about soccer. When it's World Cup time, it's madness. When we won last time, it's greater than any other sport. It's a lifestyle."

Rene Hernandez, senior in marketing, started playing when he was 7 years old. He said he doesn't feel like Mexico has played very well of late, and isn't sure how to feel about their long-term success in the World Cup. No matter the result, he said feels the country's loyalty will still stand above U.S. appreciation toward any sport.

"I think it's bigger," Hernandez said. "It's a part of a culture. Here, it's more for the sport itself and you have the people who go tailgate and stuff like that, but not everyone. Literally in Latin America, it's everyone. You have the hooligans and even the moms like that stuff. It's really more intense and everybody loves it."

Junior in civil engineering Daniel Abreu said soccer finds its way into nearly every event in Brazil.

"If you're going to celebrate something with family, you literally have a barbecue and you play soccer," Abreu said. "Some people celebrate birthdays with soccer. It's everywhere."

Seeing the games played



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ABOVE: Brazil fans celebrate after watching Brazil defeat Croatia 3-1 at a Brazil World Cup watch party in Tanner's Bar and Grill Thursday.

RIGHT: **Pablo Coll**, graduate student in physics, passes a soccer ball to May graduate **Richie Martell**. Coll and Martell are roommates and were also teammates on K-State's club soccer team.



12-to-17-year-old age range.

Rich Luker, who helped conduct the survey with Luker on Trends for ESPN, said he believes the numbers will lead to even greater growth for the game in the U.S.

"MLS has been around since 1996," Luker said. "It is phenomenal that in just one

to cause concussions. There's going to be a decrease in youth football and those kids are going to switch to other sports."

Coll said that soccer is one of the world's universal languages, which is one of the reasons that he attributed to the world truly coming together during international events

such as the World Cup.

"It's the only sport in the whole world that everybody follows," Coll said. "It's the world sport everywhere but the United States. In 90 per-

cent of the countries, professional soccer is probably the main sport. We want them in the mix because it'll be more challenging for us and the rest of the world."

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SCOTT WEAVER | K-STATE SPORTS

K-State track and field sophomore **Devin Field** competes in the long jump at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Oregon on Saturday.

By ADAM SUDERMAN
THE COLLECIAN

TRACK AND FIELD

As K-State track and field coach Cliff Rovelto looks back on the 2014 outdoor season, he can look upon one of the largest groups to ever compete on the national stage and a team that returns a number of key contributors.

"We've had teams place higher in the past, such as when the women took fifth at LSU," Rovelto said. "We had a lot of people have good performances in that meet, but we had people that didn't do as well as we thought and perhaps it could have been more than it was. We just had enough firepower (and) athletes, there to (make) it up in the top five. And, I think honestly when you look at this meet and our scoring opportunities, we only missed three from earning either first or second team All-American – that's unbelievable."

In total, nine of the 13 athletes who competed in Eugene, Oregon last week will return for

the 2014-15 season.

"It's been a really good year and we're going to have good teams going forward," Rovelto said. "I'm really pleased. I think our coaches do a good job and we got guys who work hard. We just got a lot of really good things going for us right now."

Highlighting the meet were performances from the sophomore duo Devin Field and Alyx Treasure. Both athletes finished in second place with Field's mark in the triple jump of 16.46m/54-00.00 and Treasure's personal best height of 1.86m/6-01.25 in the high jump.

"Devin was remarkable for him to record that mark in the triple jump," Rovelto said. "I think he is a guy that is going to be in thick of it as long as he remains healthy from here on out. I knew it when I saw him compete as a sophomore in high school. He's obviously talented, but he's also a phenomenal competitor and you just can't teach that, you can't coach that, it is just innate. And he just wants it that badly."

Similar to Field, it was Treasure's first experience at jumping in the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

"She did today what I hon-

estly thought she was capable of doing from day one," Rovelto said after Treasure's finish on Saturday. "I know she is capable of being a 1.90m-plus jumper, and she didn't miss until 1.89m today and even her third attempt there was good. She's getting closer, but I also think she can be a player at a higher level also, so I think we have a lot to look forward to."

Heading into the meet, the Wildcats men sat in 12th with seven possible scoring opportunities. Those rankings were based on 145 schools that had at least one male participating. On the women's side, K-State sat in 19th out of 139 schools.

With each team finishing just inside the top 20, Rovelto said Tuesday that he feels each side competed at its best ability.

"It's obviously very difficult to score at this meet," Rovelto said. "There was very little negative. There were probably a couple of people that could have and should have done a little bit better than they did, but quite honestly I don't think that would have put them in scoring territory. They might have just placed a little bit higher. Across the board, I thought everyone did about as well as they could have done."

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Israel: An Apartheid State?

Is there any truth at all in this oft-repeated calumny?

At many universities Arab militants and other radical students hold Israel Apartheid Weeks. Even some establishment politicians have taken to using the word "apartheid" to describe Israel's policies or the danger of Israel becoming a segregationist state. What justification is there for this odious characterization?

What are the facts?

South African Apartheid. "Apartheid," the Dutch-Afrikaans term for separation, was the social order of the former South Africa. It meant exactly that. The Black majority of the nation and the so-called Colored were kept strictly apart in all aspects of life. White domination over the native population was mandatory. For instance: Non-Whites had to carry a "passbook." Passbook infringement could lead to deportation to one of the Bantu "homelands." Blacks and Coloreds were being kept from a wide array of jobs. Black-White sex was a serious jail-time criminal offense. Hospitals

and ambulances were strictly separated. Whites enjoyed free education until graduation. Not so for Blacks, whose education was strictly limited by the oppressive "Bantu Education Act."

By law, no mixed sports were allowed. Park benches, swimming pools, libraries, and movies were strictly separated. Blacks were not allowed to purchase or imbibe alcoholic drinks. And that is only a partial and small list of the many abusive impediments that non-Whites suffered under the South African apartheid regime.

Israeli Equality. In fact there can be no comparison of these policies to life in Israel. To the contrary: Not one single apartheid law or practice can be found in Israel. Israel is by far the most racially mixed and tolerant nation in the entire Muslim Middle East. Arabs, who are about 20% of Israel's population, enjoy, without any exception, the same rights and opportunities in all fields as their Jewish fellow citizens. The total equality of all Israelis is assured in Israel's founding document. All non-Jews (which means primarily Muslim Arabs) have full voting rights. At present, eleven Arabs sit in Israel's Knesset (parliament): Three Arabs are deputy speakers. Arabs are represented in Israel's diplomatic service all over the world. Arab students may and do study in all Israeli universities. All children in Israel are entitled to subsidized education until graduation, without any restrictions based on color or religions. In short, Muslim Arabs and other non-Jews are allowed everything that Jews are allowed, everything that non-Whites were not

allowed in apartheid South Africa.

But, yes, there is one difference: Jewish Israeli men are obligated to a three-year stint in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and serve in the reserve until they are 50 years old. For Arabs, this service is voluntary. Except for the Druze, hardly any Arabs volunteer to serve in the armed forces.

Israel has granted permanent residence and full citizen rights to a large number of legal and illegal foreign workers and their families – from the Philippines, Eritrea, Colombia, Nigeria, and from many other countries. Nobody, of course, is forced or requested to convert to

Judaism as a condition of their being allowed to stay. Israel has accepted a shipload of Vietnamese refugees who had sought asylum. No Arab country has accepted a single one of those refugees. Israel has brought in about 70,000 black Ethiopian Jews, who despite their backwardness have become fully integrated citizens of Israel. Everything that Blacks were not allowed to do in South Africa is totally open to non-Jews in Israel.

The "Apartheid Wall." Another reason for which left-wing zealots and anti-Semites like to refer to Israel as the "apartheid state" is the fence between Israel proper and the territories. This fence (which is indeed a fence and not a wall over most of its length) was constructed at great cost in order to prevent the suicidal attacks that had killed hundreds of Israelis and grievously wounded thousands more. Thankfully, this "wall" is exceptionally successful and has totally prevented any such attacks since its completion. There is little question that this separation fence is the cause of inconvenience for some of the Arab population. But it is an annoyance that they have brought about themselves. And, of course, there are walls for protection all over the world. The Chinese invented it hundreds of years ago. Our own country has a long, high, very sophisticated wall across our border with Mexico. It is a wall, not to keep out criminals who want to kill Americans, but people who want to come here only in search of a better life. To call the Israeli fence an "apartheid wall" is an expression of ignorance and of malevolence.

Israel is a light unto the nations. It has, regrettably, many enemies – all or most of the world's Muslim nations and left-wing ideologues who mostly hate the United States and who consider Israel to be America's cat's-paw in the Middle East. The reality, of course, is that Israel is the exact opposite of an apartheid state. It is a country in which all residents, all citizens, enjoy the same full rights. All other countries in the Middle East are benighted theocracies, ruthless tyrannies, or mostly both. To call Israel an apartheid state is an expression of ignorance, anti-Semitism or malice – or all three.

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Instructor hopes finance class 'paid dividends' for students

By THEO STAVROPOULOS
THE COLLEGIAN

Though the world of finance is large and complex, Scott Hendrix, professor of finance, has prepared countless students for success in investing, budgeting and comprehending the nature of money management.

As one of the K-State Twitter-sphere's favorite classes, a Principles of Finance exam is sure to have the campus buzzing with nerves of more than 400 students at a time.

"It seems like Finance 450 exams can turn Hale Library into an academic flashmob," said Hendrix, who has clearly embraced the course's reputa-

tion over the years. He can only hope all that collective studying paid dividends, so to speak.

Though the course's rigor is no secret, neither is Hendrix's commitment to helping students learn the material and understand its broader context.

"I've found that students rise to the level of your expectations," Hendrix said. "They respond to the challenge, but they'll be appreciative of it."

It is this mindset that inspires students to work hard in the course and be proud of the outcome.

In the process of learning the material, students may also pick up a few lessons for their personal financial well-being. Throughout the course, Hendrix said he stresses the importance of starting early and taking on

acceptable levels of risk when it comes to investing.

"Over the long term, the stock market offers a good risk-return tradeoff," Hendrix said. "People in their 20s need to be comfortable investing."

Hendrix said that the skills that his class, Principles of Finance, gives students a look into the many ways wealth can be created over time and instills basic decision-making instincts.

In addition to relevant and real-life examples of content, Hendrix places a heavy value on developing critical thinking skills necessary for success in the marketplace as well as life. His exams require students to expand on previous concepts and maneuver the financial variables to meet the demands of new situations. True mastery of the content involves both qualitative and quantitative reasoning skills and, in his words, students are required to "come up with an answer given a wide

variety of information."

His focus on excellence in teaching has drawn recognition from campus and the finance industry alike. Hendrix has been a past recipient of the Commerce Bank Teaching Award, the Ralph Reitz Outstanding Teaching Award and the Kansas State Bank Teaching Excellence Award. These are in addition to holding the Paul Edgerley Outstanding Instructor Fellowship and, currently, the Faculty Fellowship for Gates Capital Management. He attributes many of these accolades to the focus K-State and its alumni in the industry place on quality teaching.

Outside of Principles of Finance, Hendrix teaches courses in the College of Business' Investment Management Certificate and advises several student groups, the main one being the Student Finance Association.

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Professor of finance **Scott Hendrix** explains to his class how to work through a problem on Friday. Hendrix has received several awards for his excellence in teaching.

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Weekly Horoscopes

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Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

This week, you may find yourself channeling the spirit of Billy Mays as your life begins to feel more and more like an overly dramatic infomercial accident.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You feel quite agreeable and charming this week after a barista accidentally charges you for a tall frappuccino, instead of the venti you ordered.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

You are feeling more receptive to new ideas this week. Especially ideas that one drunk guy on the corner in Aggieville is screaming at passersby. Maybe the stars are trying to tell you that you need to drink less.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Temper may rise this week as egos clash in your workplace. Try not to get too involved in the drama, though. After all, you're better than they are anyway.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Remember to keep tabs on a recent financial development, even if you feel that everything has been signed, sealed and delivered. Tread lightly, though – the last thing you need is yet another fraudulent mail arrest.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You may begin to reconsider your expensive and overly-opulent lifestyle this week when a group of physicists show up at your home to study the gravitational singularity being generated by that unpaid stack on credit card bills.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

A talking head on your least favorite political news channel will say something mildly ignorant that will make you irrationally angry. Avoid your usual daily reading of current events until you cool down. In fact, maybe just look at funny pictures of cats until 2017.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

This week you may feel that your current romantic prospects are looking grim after the intended target of your flirtations responds to your witty introduction with, "Nudez? LOL."

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

There is someone in your life who could stand to see a lighter side of you this week. Next time, maybe you should remember to pack your sunscreen before you go to the pool, or at least remember to take off your sunglasses. Those tan lines ... yikes.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

A deep sense of universal understanding shall gift you this week. Sure, it might be the understanding that your entire life is populated with ignorant morons, but it's understanding nonetheless.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Take time to write down your thoughts and feelings. They are more important and inspirational to others than you realize. Just remember not to write them in crayon this time. It may be harder to reach your intended audience if they assume you're a preschooler.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

You may feel that it's time for a change of decor in your home or office after you misplace the pile of soggy Burger King receipts you have been using as a coaster for the past year.

Review

'Edge of Tomorrow'

★★★★☆

BY CONNOR KELLEY
THE COLLEGIAN

The oft-repeated adage "practice makes perfect" doesn't usually apply to warfare. When even the tiniest of mistakes can spell doom, every soldier who goes into battle knows he won't

be fighting it again.

In "Edge of Tomorrow," Maj. William Cage finds himself on the front lines of the attack against the alien invaders dies an (expected) swift and gruesome death in his very first battle. Much to his surprise, he immediately wakes up on the day before the attack. He finds himself living the same day again, and again, and again and ... you get the idea. It's up to Cage to recruit soldiers for the war effort and make them believe they can win it.

"Edge of Tomorrow" follows in the footsteps of films such as "Groundhog Day" and "Source Code," yet manages to offer its own unique spin on the basic premise of these movies.

Though it's easy to see what influenced director Doug Liman, the film never feels fake or contrived.

A large part of its success is due to excellent performances from Tom Cruise as Cage as well as Emily Blunt, who plays a battle-hardened soldier named Rita. She seems to be the only person willing to believe Cage's ridiculous situation, and she agrees to train him every day until he can make it off the beach in one piece.

It's easy to imagine getting tired of "Edge of Tomorrow" when the film's premise requires it to show the audience the same

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Wildcat Warm-Up students look forward to collegiate challenges after first taste of K-State

BY SHELTON BURCH
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Last weekend, the first of three Wildcat Warm-Up sessions welcomed incoming freshmen to K-State with games and exercises meant to prepare students for collegiate success.

"It's good for the students that want to succeed at K-State," said Mary Kruse, junior in accounting and counselor for one of the Wildcat Warm-Up small groups.

The student-run program ran from Friday evening to Sunday morning and included a pep rally, tailgate and team-building activities on the K-State Challenge Course.

The event, which is scheduled to take place twice more in June, is only open to incoming freshmen and costs \$175.

Kelsey Dowers, incoming freshman in biology, said she attended Wildcat Warm-Up to make some new friends.

"I felt like I was stuck in the same town with the same people," Dowers said. "I wanted to meet people who I know

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Kelsey Dowers
incoming freshman in biology

will be around.”

Dowers said she ultimately chose K-State because she came from a Wildcat family and the campus “felt like home.”

Andrew McKittrick, incoming freshman in engineering, said he came from a K-State family as well. Both of his parents, all of his grandparents, some of his aunts and uncles and two of his older sisters are affiliated with the university in some way.

“It’s so much more personal than any other place,” McKittrick said.

McKittrick said he chose to attend

Wildcat Warm-Up, in part, because both of his sisters participated before their freshmen years.

“I knew it was [run by] a lot of involved people,” McKittrick said. “It broadens your perspective.”

Though he said he remains unsure of what specific focus he will choose, McKittrick said he looks forward to the engineering courses.

“I’m looking forward to having challenging classes,” McKittrick said. “I’m an engineer, so I’m looking forward to the challenge.”

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Incoming freshman in chemical engineering **Alex Westrope** balances on a wire at the K-State Challenge Course during Wildcat Warm-Up on Saturday. The K-State Challenge Course was a Wildcat Warm-Up activity continued from previous years, as it offers team-building activities to groups that are especially helpful to college freshman.

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New Wildcats warm up to K-State, each other



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ABOVE: Incoming freshman **Andrew McKittrick** and **Taylor Ireland** practice a handshake they will perform throughout Wildcat Warmup. McKittrick chose K-State because "it's so much more personal than any other place."
 RIGHT: Incoming freshman **Eric Banzhaf** tells his K-State story to the "Hit Me Baby One Moore Time" group at Wildcat Warm-Up on Friday. The new students each shared their own story of why they chose K-State.



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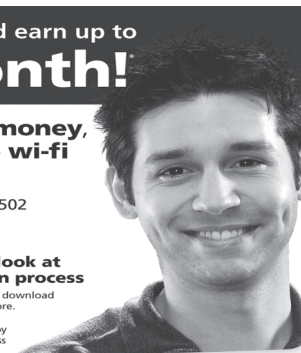
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LEFT: A group of incoming freshman pantomime eating Call Hall ice cream during a Wildcat Warm-Up icebreaker on Saturday. During the activity, the new students were informed of the many different activities around campus they can get involved in.

ABOVE: A large group of Wildcat Warm-Up participants get their groove on Saturday night. During the day, the group toured the Chester E. Peters Recreation Center and other parts of campus as part of the program's intent to introduce incoming students to the K-State experience.

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By SHELTON BURCH
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Storms in Nebraska kill 2, cause damage in Manhattan

Extreme weather is being blamed for two deaths after storms tore through the central plains Monday, a CNN article by Micheal Pearson, Indra Peterson and Ed Payne said yesterday. At least two tornadoes touched down northwest of Omaha, as well as unconfirmed reports of tornadoes Iowa, Wisconsin and North Dakota.

Manhattan also saw high winds that knocked down trees, broke tree limbs and blew around lawn furniture throughout the city. Broken branches could be found littering city streets and front yards alike.

Manhattan Director of Parks and Recreation Eddie Eastes said

forestry crews were still cleaning up, with completion of cleanup expected this week. Numbers were not yet available on the cost of the damage. Eastes said the storm, while was not as significant as a tornado or ice storm.

"It was a significant storm, but not even close to the wind event we had a couple of years ago," Eastes said.

There were also unconfirmed reports of power outages caused by the storm, however a call to Westar Energy was not immediately returned.

A Mercy Regional Health Center media relations representative said there were no injuries or fatalities caused by the wind storm.

Student loan refinance bill fails to clear senate

Last Wednesday, a bill to help students refinance their federal and private student loans

was struck down by the Senate, according to an article on reuters.com. The bill would have allowed borrowers to refinance their loans to 3.86 percent, the current rate for academic year 2014-15.

According to the article, the bill was intended to be funded by the reduction of tax breaks for millionaires.

US deploys troops to Iraq

President Barack Obama announced deployment of a contingent of U.S. military forces to Iraq this week to provide support and security to U.S. assets and the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Yahoo News reported.

In a press release provided by 1st Infantry Division public affairs at Fort Riley, Pentagon Press Secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said approximately 170 U.S. personnel began arriving in Baghdad over the weekend.

"We have also moved 100 personnel into the region to provide airfield management, security and logistics support, if required," Kirby said in the statement. "The safety of personnel serving in diplomatic missions abroad is among our highest priorities."

Schumacher out of hospital, into rehab

Former Formula One race car driver Michael Schumacher is no longer in a coma, and has been moved to a hospital in Switzerland to begin the rehabilitation phase of his treatment after being injured in skiing accident where he hit a rock face-first in December, a CNN report said Monday. He was induced into a coma with the hope it would reduce swelling in his brain. Schumacher's family is asking for privacy, telling CNN that his rehab will take place "out of the public eye."

Drowning in debt



Photo illustration by Lise Alderton

Students fail to pay increasing loans

By Sheila Ellis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Rising costs of tuition and living expenses coupled with a slimming job market have caused K-State's student loan default rate to almost double from 1.5 percent to 2.7 percent. However, K-State's default rate average is considerably lower than the national average of 6.7 percent. Defaulting occurs when borrowers fail to make loan payments for 270 consecutive days. According to the most recent statistics from the U.S. Department of Education, 135 K-State borrowers whose first loan payment came due between October 2006 and September 2007 defaulted by October 2008.

But the default rate is not the only rate that's increased at K-State, so has the number of student's needing

University default rates	2009	2008
Kansas State University	2.7	1.5
Emporia State University	5.9	3.6
Wichita State University	5.4	3.1
Pittsburg State University	5	4.1
Fort Hays State University	4.7	2.4
University of Kansas	2.6	2.3

by K-State," Henry said. "We have tried to keep a K-State education affordable and accessible to students. We are trying to maintain affordability."

Compared to other schools in Kansas, K-State's default rate is considerably low with KU coming in at 2.6 percent at the lowest and Emporia State University at the highest with 5.9 percent.

Overall, 3.3 million student borrowers in the U.S. entered repayment during this period, and more than 225,000 went into default. The latest national loan default rate climbed to 6.7 percent, up from 5.2 percent the previous year.

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scene over and over again. However, with each repetition that same scene takes on new meaning and offers a new bit of context for the film as whole.

Throughout the film we see Cage's successes as well as his many, many failures. There are a few sequences that show him perishing in both grimly humorous and surprisingly gory ways, only to wake up and try again the next day. One of the best aspects of the film is its understanding of the morbid sense of humor

that an unlimited number of resurrections allows.

As Cage lives the same perilous day over and over, he starts to become the soldier that he should have been in the first place. Perhaps the most satisfying portion of the film is seeing Cage grow as a character from a smooth-talking weasel to the hero that everyone expects a character played by Cruise to be.

For all the punishment that he takes throughout the film, Cage eventually starts dishing it out as well. Though nothing in the film will have your jaw drop-

ping, "Edge of Tomorrow" delivers the action when it needs to.

Few people would accuse the film of being boring, but it very rarely allows Cage to stop and reflect on the magnitude of his situation. With one or two notable exceptions, he spends most of the movie relentlessly training for the same battle.

The biggest disappointment is the film's final act. Towards the end of the movie, the things that make it unique and intriguing slowly wither away until we're left with the typical "get to this place and kill this thing"

formula.

The ending of the film is especially egregious, as it is nothing short of a total cop-out. Nonetheless, the film's mediocre final act doesn't diminish what came before it. "Edge of Tomorrow" is a still a decent action movie with a great premise, and it offers a breath of fresh air in a summer that's chock full of sequels and reboots.

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PROFESSOR | Being at K-State a plus for Hendrix

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Though they may be best known for their yearly lunches with Warren Buffett, the Student Finance Association manages their own fixed income fund valued at around \$55,000, travels to multiple destinations per year and hosts several on-campus events that connects students with business leaders and provides exposure to the field. In his

time advising the group, Hendrix has also won the Excellence in Advising Award from the College of Business Administration.

The first year the group paid a visit to Buffett, Hendrix hosted an application process to decide which students would have the honor of representing K-State at the lunch meeting. What resulted was a group of what he called "our very best students" who he said, "had the respectful con-

fidence to kind of joke around with him – he just had a blast." K-State has been on the invite list ever since.

The relationships he has helped foster are great for the university and not a bad perk for Hendrix, either.

"The K-State brand name is just so strong that I can't think of any other profession where I could have had some of the opportunities that I've had," he

said.

From talking stocks with Warren Buffett and other business leaders to ringing the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange, Hendrix has advanced both personally and professionally throughout his time here.

"Being here at Kansas State and following the passion I have for finance have come together," he said. "It's worked out really well."

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Children play by an overturned trailer in flooded Estates June 2. A back corner cul-de-sac in the trailer park was heavily affected by the flooding. Several homes were picked up and moved by the rapids, some were flipped and split, others had water-damaged property.

Flooding nearly reaches 500-year storm levels

Rachel Spicer
editor-in-chief

Nearly five inches of rain fell early morning on June 2 in the Wildcat Creek basin, causing emergency response units to begin blocking off flooding roads. Police officers and firefighters helped evacuate areas of South Manhattan, Garden Way Apartments, Redbud Estates, Highland Ridge Apartments, Village Plaza and Amsenberg Park.

Riley County appraisers, who were split into five groups of two, documented the damage in affected areas by taking pictures. Aerial shots were also taken to compare affected areas over the water nooses.

Damage assessments are based on the type of property and the degree of damage to a structure. The goal is to have the information compiled within 24 hours of any incident. All information gathered will be sent to city officials and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to determine if Manhattan residents are eligible for federal aid.

This year is the worst (flooding in the Wildcat Creek corridor) I've ever seen," said Greg McHenry, Riley County appraiser. "That is-



Manhattan firefighters look into a submerged cul-de-sac in the back section of Redbud Estates June 2. The strong currents picked up many homes and flipped some over.

cludes the flood of 1993." Riley County Police Department Capt. Kurt Midrop noted floodwater levels nearly reached that of the predicted 500-year flood. Waters rose so high that trailers floated off their foundations and tipped over

to shore who was launching through a flooded area near Fairman. The man launched from his backyard and only paddled half a block before the firefighters confronted him.

"Wildcat Creek started backing up so it had nowhere to go," McHenry said. "The water came up and moved quickly." There have been four major floods in the Wildcat Creek area in the past five years. There is speculation that development west of Manhattan and changes in weather patterns have contributed to the recent flooding.

"The combination of these two things has made a recipe for disaster," McHenry said.

Shane Swapp, Stormwater Engineer for the City of Manhattan, said that due to city ordinance, new developments are not allowed to increase the amount of surface water. They are required to build detention basins to store runoff water. Manhattan is composed of multiple small stormwater systems, many of which dump right into Wildcat Creek. When the creek levels rise,

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Answer to the last Sudoku.

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